

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held at the Eco Hub, Stocks Lane, Gamlingay on Tuesday 27th March 2018 at 7.30pm

Present : C Smith (Chair), J McGeady, T Goss, A Foster and P Webb. Clerks L Bacon and K Rayner.

1. Resolved to receive apologies for absence from S Groom.
2. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda. None.
- 2.1 To receive written requests for dispensations for disc losable pecuniary interests (if any)
- 2.2 To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate. None.
3. **Resolved** to approve and sign the Minutes of the F&GP meeting held 27th February 2018 and to note the Full Council minutes of 13th March 2018 and to consider any matters arising. Thanks for grants – Scouts, Rainbows and Firefighters Fund. i. Quote for memorial bench. Resolved to accept with grateful thanks an anonymous donation to pay for metal dove design bench and approve inscription. Council to arrange and pay for installation.
4. To receive any representations from Members of the Public and Press relating to items of business on this agenda during a ten-minute Open Forum. None present.
5. **Finance:**
- 5.1 **To resolve** to approve the following:
 - i. Payments 448 -467. Note cheque 995 destroyed due to cancellation of training and replacement of Scribe reference 448.
 - ii. Bank reconciliations January and February 2018
 - iii. Resolved to approve purchase of 8 sets of litter picking equipment for volunteers
6. **General purpose**
- 6.1 Recreation spaces/community buildings
 - i. Cemeteries and Churchyards. Alignment issues at St Mary's and proposal to lay paving slabs. Noted. Awaiting confirmation that owner of first plot will approve re alignment. Quince will do works free of charge. Paving slabs will abut each other. Second row of slabs will be laid out in advance of use to ensure no repetition of alignment issue.
 - ii. Old Methodist Chapel – update on roof works. BSG to complete over Easter holidays.
 - iii. WI hall – Auction result and process for completion. Noted exceeded reserve and sold for £192 000. Exchange of contracts planned for 12th April . Costs for disposal noted. Proceeds to be used to reduce existing PWLB loan (17 years remaining) – 2018-19 budget has taken this into account, although figures were based on estimates so will not be accurate. New repayment amount will be notified by PWLB at time of partial repayment. Refund of rates for information - noted. Final readings on utilities to be arranged. Some movable items still to be collected.
 - iv. Hub – enquiry regarding wildflower kit. Resolved to approve plan if it is within the existing wildflower area.
 - v. Bike Track – quote for grass seed for approval. Resolved to approve.
- 6.2 Highways
 - i. Church St Parking – update. Letter from Merton – to formulate response. Resolved to agree to give undertaking as requested to enable release of funds. Notes from meeting with County officers for information. Resolved to remove works to improve Emplins access road from scheme as County will not adopt this section and road is not the Parish Councils responsibility (owned by Merton). LB to contact Co-op manager to find out if any additional security works are planned – try to schedule together. Clerks to ask County Councillor to explain why residential roads will not be adopted.
 - ii Footpath proposal Everton Road – update. CBC officer is investigating if funding can be found (£4k needed towards phase 1) as CBC local councillor suggested path could be considered part of strategic cycle link. Another resident has become involved and will take over as lead contact. Some residents have expressed willingness to contribute to

- path. PW asked if GCT had been approached for funding – Clerk KR responded that GPC has asked for funding for other projects recently but could consider this later.
- 6.3 Publications and communications
- i. Date of Publications committee 10th April noted
 - ii. to resolve Annual Parish Meeting theme and speakers. Theme will be grants – GCT and Green Sand County representatives will be speaking. LB to ask if Co-op want to participate.
- 6.4 South Cambs District Council – to note any items. None.
7. Staff and Councillor matters – Progress on staff appraisals. All completed.
8. Routine Correspondence – available in the office. Noted.
9. Items for the next meeting. Election of Committee Chair.
10. Dates of next meetings: - 10th April Planning and Full Council. Annual Parish Meeting 24th April. next F and GP 29th May 2018. Noted agenda item 11. Missing – typo.
12. Record Closure time of meeting. 8.25pm.

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